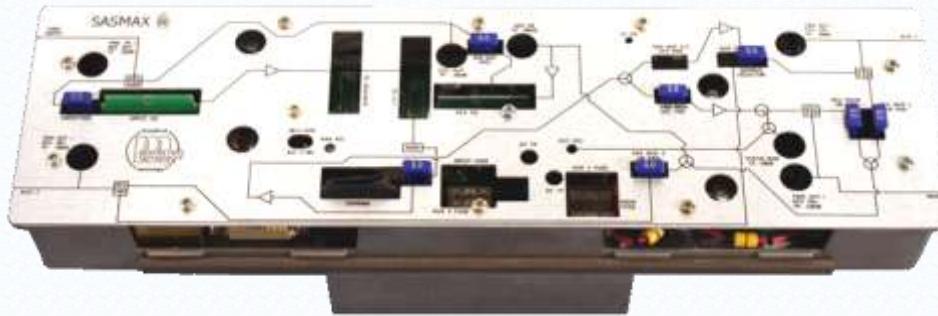


# 1 GHz SASMAX series

## MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 SASMAX High Gain Dual Amplifier (Legacy "System Amp II" style)



### Description:

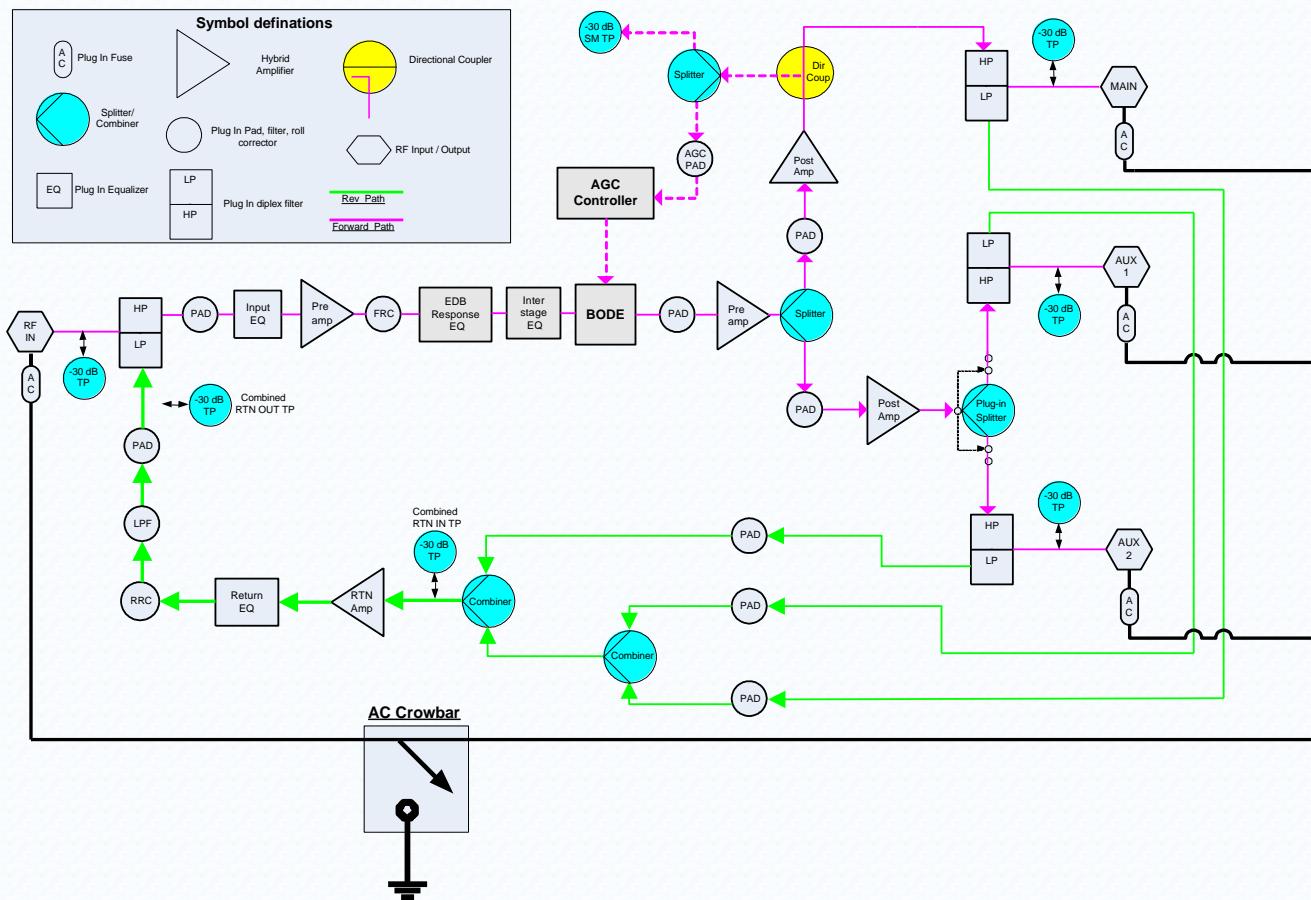
The 1 GHz SASMAX series broadband high gain dual amplifier is essentially a "drop-in-upgrade" module that allows the customer to perform system upgrades without suffering extensive construction costs. The revolutionary MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 provides better performance and enhanced features at low cost.

The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 is designed to re-use the existing power supply, the original amplifier chassis, and fit into the same System Amplifier series housing as before. The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 includes a newly manufactured state-of-the-art PCB assembly that is installed in the original chassis and fully tested as new. The original power supply is re-tested and refurbished to ensure years of reliable service.

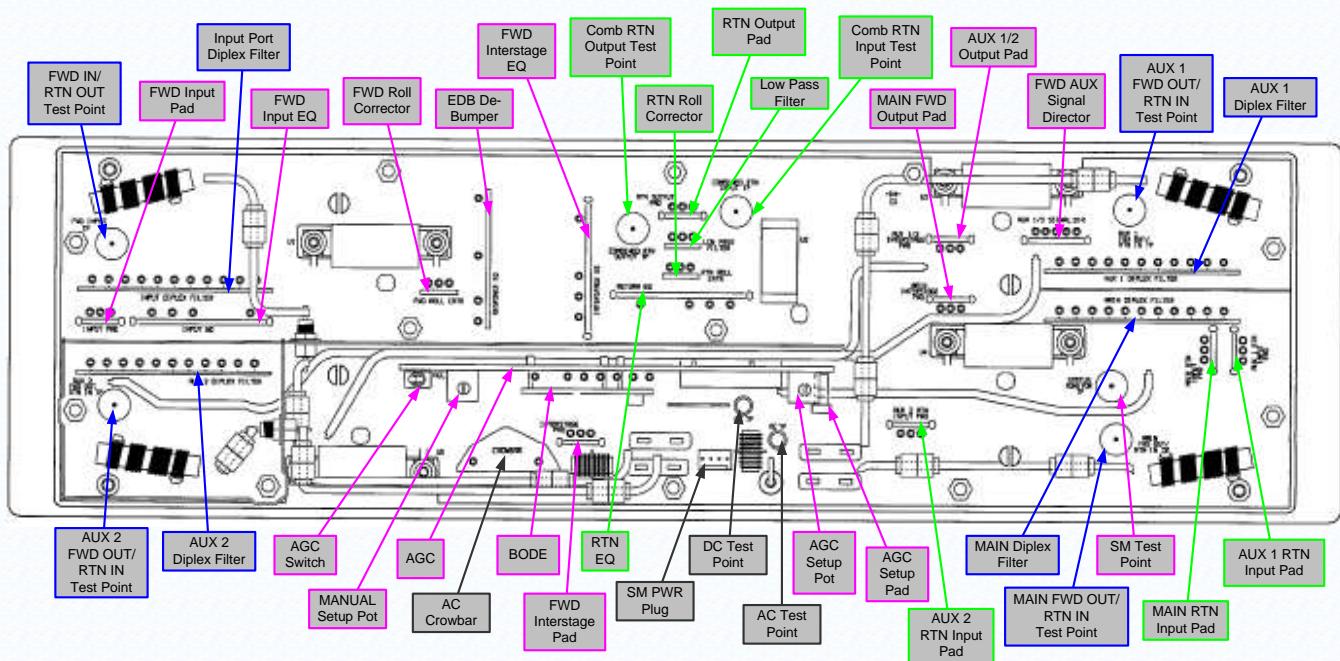
### Features:

- ❖ The Industry's first 1 GHz Scientific Atlanta style high gain dual amplifier that is backwards compatible!
- ❖ Low-cost, easy-to-install, drop-in-upgrade unit that fits into existing housing offers increased gain to allow for existing spacing. Eliminates new construction altogether, or greatly reduces construction costs!
- ❖ High performance GaAsFET gain stages deliver Lowest 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Order distortions, superior CNR, and low noise figure, while maintaining highest gain and excellent flatness in both forward & return bands.
- ❖ Computer designed, fixed component diplex filters exhibit the highest stop band isolation (>40 dB), the best return loss (>22 dB), and the lowest insertion loss available (< 0.75 dB).
- ❖ Plug and play diplex filters allow quick and low cost changes to both forward & return bands.
- ❖ The plug-in AGC module is designed to work with Analog or QAM modulated carriers using a low loss SAW filter that provides accurate pilot channel selection.
- ❖ Improved hum modulation.
- ❖ Plug-in fuses and a Crowbar provide surge protection.
- ❖ Similar layout and look as the original Scientific Atlanta high gain dual amplifier, is technician friendly, and will require minimal training.
- ❖ Easily configurable in the field. As before, use 2 or 3 active outputs to meet your system requirements.
- ❖ Increase your existing modules MTBF and reduce service outages by letting us completely disassemble and rebuild your existing amplifier. This is not a modification to your existing amplifier! We install newly manufactured electronic assemblies that upgrade your module in every way.
- ❖ High gain dual amplifier module includes a complete 2-year warranty on all installed electronic assemblies.

**SASMAX MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 Functional Block Diagram**



## **SASMAX MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 Accessory Locations**



## **Amplifier Setup**

The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 high gain dual amplifier provides superior 2-way performance with more Forward and Return path gain, higher output levels, lower noise figure, better distortion performance, and wider bandwidth than the original module. The extra bandwidth your system will achieve with this direct drop-in-upgrade module, assuming no additional amplifiers are cut in, will depend on several loss factors that the improved performance must compensate for. This includes increased dB losses due to system configuration, taps, the type and length of coax, that are encountered based upon the original amplifier dB spacing. Although the physical length of the coax cable span has not increased, the dB losses and the cable dB changes due to temperature at the highest frequency channels will increase. The amplifier's extra RF gain and plug-in AGC module will help compensate for the additional cable loss as the bandwidth increases and temperature changes, the lower noise figure improves the C/N, and the improved distortion performance increases the channel capacity.

The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 has two equal, or three unequal, high-level RF distribution outputs. A plug-in output port selector lets you choose one or both auxiliary outputs by installing a plug-in jumper or directional coupler. The RF test points on the input and output ports are bi-directional and provide a -30 dB monitor. Return signals can be injected at any forward output test point. In addition, there is a combined return input and output -30 dB test point and each return leg has its own input pad. Each unit accepts a variety of plug-in circuits including an interstage response EQ (debumper), which can be used as needed to compensate for system imperfections. The plug-in 25-amp auto fuses provide AC power to the power supply itself and/or the output ports as needed. There are AC and DC voltage test points accessible thru the cover as well as a power LED to ensure proper function of the power supply. A plug-in Crowbar provides surge protection by firing at approximately 230 VAC. The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 high gain dual amplifier can be made backward compatible with the Scientific Atlanta System Amplifier series housing. Before installing the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 into the existing housing, replace the seizure screws and anvils as needed. *Please refer to the "System Amplifier Housing Upgrade Instructions" on the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 specification sheet listed below.*

### **Setting the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 in Manual Mode**

The forward operational gain of the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 is 43 dB with an output "cable" tilt of 17 dB. The gain is controlled using a plug-in Input Pad, an Interstage Pad, and two Output Pads for the Main and Aux 1/2 ports (*MP\*\*\*-0*). The tilt is controlled using a plug-in Input EQ and an Interstage EQ (*MFA\*\*\*-0*). In addition, the plug-in AGC module provides a manual gain control as well as an automatic gain control.

1. Ensure the AGC switch is in the Manual position.
2. Connect a signal-level meter to the forward input test point, measure and document the tilt and RF input level at the highest and lowest system carrier. *Note: Both carriers should be at standard analog levels, non-scrambled.*
3. Install the correct Input Pad and Input EQ to achieve the designed input level and tilt. *Note: The RF input level at the highest frequency should not exceed +6.5 dBmV.*
4. Connect the signal-level meter to the forward output test point and ensure there is at least 3.0 dB of reserved gain at the highest system carrier. Adjust the manual gain control if needed. *Note: The MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 is factory set to have 3.0 dB of reserved gain at 1002 MHz.*
5. Measure and document the tilt and RF output level at the highest and lowest system carrier as well as the pilot carrier.
6. If the RF output level at the highest frequency is too high and the input is padded correctly, install the correct Interstage Pad and/or the Output Pads for the Main and Aux 1/2 ports accordingly. *Note: The RF output level at the highest frequency should not exceed the maximum operating level of +49.5 dBmV.*
7. If the output tilt is less than required, install a higher value Interstage EQ.
8. If the output tilt is greater than required, install a lower value Interstage EQ.

### **Setting the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 in AGC Mode**

1. Perform the complete procedure described in "Setting the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 in Manual Mode" if not already completed.
2. Ensure the AGC switch is in the AGC position.
3. Connect the signal-level meter to the forward output test point and measure the RF output level at the highest system carrier.
4. Adjust the automatic gain control until the RF output level matches the RF output level obtained in Manual Mode.

*Note: The plug-in AGC pad is factory set for an amplifier output level range from +40 dBmV to +50 dBmV at the pilot frequency. You can change this pad (MGIP-\*) depending on the operational output of the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25.*

## **Return Path Alignment**

The return operational gain of the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 is 17.5 dB for both the Main and Aux 1 Ports and 20.5 dB for the Aux 2 Port. The gain is controlled using plug-in Return Input Pads for the Main, Aux 1, and Aux 2 Ports as well as a Return Output Pad (*MP\*\*\*-0*). The tilt is controlled using a plug-in Return EQ (*MRN\*\*\*-0*).

1. Set up the return optical link using the design input reference levels for the return transmitter and the system design output levels of the return path receiver. This must be done before you balance any return amplifiers.
2. Document what the amplifier's RF input reference levels are.
3. Use the -30 dB Forward Output/Return Input test point to inject the return carriers or sweep.
4. Verify that the Return Input Pads are all *MP000-0* (0 dB).
5. Install the design value Return Output Pad.
6. Install the design value Return EQ.
7. Set the sweep output to the design reference level and set the sweep output for a -30 dB test point.
8. Change the Return Output Pad and/or Return EQ until the swept response matches, as close as possible, the stored reference sweep taken at the optical node.
9. Document sweep levels used as well as the Return Pads and Return EQ values.

## **Using Amplifiers In Lower Frequency Systems**

When using the MLE300SAT-4\*\*.25 high gain dual amplifier in a 1 GHz distribution system, you must use an *MFA\*\*\*-0* equalizer. For use in lower frequency systems, such as 750 MHz or 870 MHz, you must consider the best method for handling the reduced bandwidth and channel-loading requirement. If you use 1 GHz equalizers in lower frequency systems, you will need to take into account the reduced gain from 1 GHz. Due to the amplifier tilt, there will be some loss in gain from the published operational gain specification at 1 GHz. *Note: Please refer to the "MFA\*\*\*-0 Triple Specification Sheet" listed below.*

To avoid any additional loss in gain, it is optimal to use the equalizers that match the system frequency. For a 750 MHz system, use 750 MHz equalizers. For an 870 MHz system, use 870 MHz equalizers.

## SASMAX HIGH GAIN DUAL ORDERING OPTIONS

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
S	N	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	U	x	2	x	x

1	Number of Active Ports
X	X Number of Ports
2	2 Ports (High Gain Dual Configuration)
3	3 Ports (Balanced Triple Configuration)

2-3	Bandwidth
75	750 MHz
87	870 MHz
1G	1002 MHz

4	Diplex Filter Split
C	40/51 MHz
D	40/54 MHz
E	42/54 MHz
F	55/70 MHz
G	65/85 MHz

5-6	Forward Path Operational Gain
XX	XX dB
43	43 dB (AGC Level Control Option)

7-8	Forward Path Station Tilt
XX	XX dB
13	13 dB

9	Forward Level Control Option
1	AGC with 427.25 MHz Analog Pilot
3	AGC with 499.25 MHz Analog Pilot
5	AGC with 609 MHz QAM Pilot
6	AGC with 711 MHz QAM Pilot

10-11	Return Path Operational Gain
XX	XX dB
17	17 dB

12	RF Test Point Location
U	Access through RF Module Cover

13	Housing Option
H	Station Housing Included
M	RF Module Only (No Housing)

14	AC Input Voltage
2	60-90 VAC

15	AC Current Handling
A	10 Amp Capacity
B	15 Amp Capacity

16	AC Fuse
1	25 Amp Fuses Installed
2	Shunts Installed

\*\* Additional options are available, please contact your sales representative.

Standard RF Specifications				
Parameter	Units	Forward	Reverse	Notes
Pass Band	MHz	54-1002	5-40	
Amplifier Type	-	GaAsFET PD	Silicon	
Flatness	dB	+/-0.75	+/-0.5	1,2
Minimum Full Gain (AGC mode)	dB	47	18.5 (Main & Aux 1)	2
			21.5 (Aux 2)	
Operational Gain (MGC mode)	dB	43	17.5 (Main & Aux 1)	3
			20.5 (Aux 2)	
AGC Range @ 1002 MHz	dB	+3.0/-4.0	-	
Return Loss (minimum)	dB	-16	-16	2
Noise Figure (typical)	dB	7.5	12.0	2,4
Test Points	dB	-30 (+/-2.0)	-30 (+/-1.5)	2
Hum Modulation @ 15 A	dBc	-60 (54-750 MHz)	-55 (5-10 MHz)	
		-55 (751-1002 MHz)	-60 (11-40 MHz)	
AC Bypass Current (continuous)	A	15		
DC Current Draw (maximum)	A	1.70		
Distortion Measurements @ Rated Level				
Recommended Input Levels	dBmV	5.5-6.5 @ 1002 MHz	16.5-17.5 @ 40 MHz	3
Reference Frequencies	MHz	1002 / 870 / 750 / 550 / 54	T7-T12	
Output Levels	dBmV	49.5 / 48.4 / 47.2 / 45.2 / 36.6	35 (flat out)	
Channel Loading	NTSC	78 (CW) with Digital	6	5
CTB	dBc	-73	-85	2
CSO (high side)	dBc	-75	-86	2
Cross Modulation	dBc	-68	-70	2,6

**Notes:**

1. Measured with 17 dB of simulated cable.
2. Measured using an Interstage EQ = MFA140-0, Interstage Pad = MP030-0, Main Output Pad = Factory Selected, Aux 1/2 Output Pad = Factory Selected, and 0 dB plug-ins for all remaining forward and return locations.
3. Includes a 1 dB loss from the Input EQ, a 1 dB loss from the Return EQ, and 3.0 dB of Bode slope reserved gain.
4. The forward Noise Figure is 8.0 dB worst-case and the return is 12.5 dB worst-case over the specified pass band.
5. Distortions in Manual mode with 78 CW NTSC channels and AWGN Digital loading -6dBc relative to analog carrier levels from 550 MHz to 1002 MHz.
6. X-mod (@ 15.75 KHz) specified using 100% synchronous modulation.

System Amplifier Housing Upgrade Instructions	
Type of Housing	Amp Capacity
SA II, SA II+	10-amps
Follow the upgrade instructions below to convert the System Amplifier Housing from 10-amps to 15-amps.	
1. If the seizure screws and anvils <b>are</b> "blue" in color, nothing needs to done. 2. If the seizure screws and anvils <b>are not</b> "blue" in color, replace them by installing the upgrade kit part number <b>548775</b> .	
Type of Housing	Amp Capacity
SA III	15-amps
Nothing needs to be done.	

Accessories	
<b>Factory Installed Plug-ins</b>	<b>Plug-in Series</b>
Diplex Filters (not accessible thru the cover, field upgradeable)	MLE300XDF-01
Forward Roll Corrector (not accessible thru the cover, field upgradeable)	MLE1202FRC
Response EQ (Debumper) = 18 AWG buss wire jumper	EDB/*
Interstage EQ = MFA140-0	MFA***-0
AGC/MGC Module (Analog Pilots: 427.25 and 499.25 MHz)	MAA4**25R
Interstage Pad = MP030-0	MP***-0
Main Output Pad = Factory Selected	MP***-0
Aux 1/2 Output Pad = Factory Selected	MP***-0
Aux 1/2 Signal Director = MP000-0	MP***-0
Main, Aux 1, and Aux 2 Return Input Pads = MP000-0	MP***-0
Return Roll Corrector (not accessible thru the cover, field upgradeable)	MLE1202RRC
Low Pass Filter (not accessible thru the cover, field upgradeable)	MLERF100104
Fuse 1, Fuse 2, Fuse 3, Fuse 4 = 25 Amp Auto Fuse	0189940-25
230 V AC Crowbar Surge Protector	MLE300SATCB
<b>Required Plug-ins</b>	<b>Plug-in Series</b>
Input Pad	MP***-0
Input EQ	MFA***-0
Return EQ	MRN***-0
Return Output Pad	MP***-0
<b>Optional Plug-ins</b>	<b>Plug-in Series</b>
Plug-in Pads for the AGC/MGC Module	MGIP-*
2-Way Splitter	0911055-801
DC-8 Directional Coupler	2501158
DC-12 Directional Coupler	2501159
Plug-in diplex filter options include 40/51, 42/54, 55/70, 65/85 and 85/105 MHz.	-